

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I cannot vouchsafe for the accuracy of the statement, Sir.

Tours of Ministers in Bangarpet Taluk.

Q.—329. Sri K. S. VASAN (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the various Ministers of the State who toured the taluk of Bangarpet in the months of November, December 1952 and January 1953.

(b) whether certain representations have not been made to them during these tours in respect of misuse of office and authority by Government officers and others in connection with the Bye-election campaign there ?

A.—Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

(a) (i) The Chief Minister and ... } In January 1953.

(ii) The Minister for Revenue and Public Works ... }

The Minister for Local Self-Government & Public Health ... } In December 1952. and January 1953.

(b) No.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Was not an order issued by Government strictly prohibiting Government officers and officials from participating in the election campaign ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Yes.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—If an officer or an official agrees to be a polling agent of a candidate, is it not taking part in the election ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—A Government servant cannot be an agent of anybody.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—If anybody has agreed to be a polling agent and... ..

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I cannot answer hypothetical questions, Sir.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—If such cases are brought to your notice, will suitable action be taken against them ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Yes.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Is it not a fact that the Minister for Local Self-Government toured Bangarpet Constituency on the polling day ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Yes.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that he entered a polling booth and instructed the Presiding Officer ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—He did not do any election propaganda on that day nor is he a public servant in the sense that the regular officers cannot partake in the elections.

Telugu Population and Telugu Schools in the State.

Q.—375. Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY (Bagepalli-Gudibanda).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the population of Telugu speaking people is in the State :—

(b) how many Telugu Primary, Middle and High Schools there are in the Telugu speaking areas ?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(a) 1,375,732 according to 1951 Census.

(b) Telugu Primary Schools ... 10
Telugu Middle and High Schools ... Nil.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—May I know who were the Census officers, whether they were Telugu people or Kannadigas ? (Laughter)

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Notice, Sir.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—According to answer, there is one primary school for 1,375,732 people.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—There are 10 primary schools.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—For how many lakhs of people ? Is the Government justified to give only that much of schools according to Constitution ?